

standards of each criterion. Currently the Sloan Museum Annual Auto Fair will take place this coming weekend and on display is the Nicola Bulgari collection of vintage General Motors automobiles. The Longway Planetarium is currently displaying a moon rock, on loan from NASA, which was brought back to Earth by *Apollo 16*.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium for receiving this prestigious accreditation. For over 50 years the staff, volunteers and community have worked diligently to maintain these jewels of the Flint area and this is a well-deserved honor for both Sloan Museum and Longway Planetarium.

A POEM IN HONOR OF KING
GEORGE PITTMAN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute of my beloved uncle, King George Pittman. He was an American patriot and hero who bravely fought during World War Two and the Korean War in defense of our nation. It is my privilege to submit this poem written by Albert Caswell of the Capitol Guide Service who has honored my uncle with these words.

SOMEONE, TO LOOK UP TO

There are people in our world . . .
All in how they've lived their lives, that all
our little boys and girls . . . should
look up to!

Who, are but The Greatest Examples of Shining
Faith . . . who are but Our Very
Best, all in so many ways . . .

Who stand tall and proud . . .
Who no matter what the cost, the price . . .
their fine hearts were heard beating
loud!

Who in their moments upon this earth, have
so shown but their fine true worth . . .
all in our lives endowed!

As Someone To Look Up To . . .
As Sarge, as he was called . . . unto this our
world, such a great life so brought into
view . . .

As a Proud American, who once so dared . . .
a real and fine American who so cared,
all in what he would do!

As when a world stood at its edge . . .
As all around him so, such an evil darkness
bled . . . when a young hero, his life so
pledged!

Coming Home, after helping To Save The
World . . . as into a new war, his heroic
life was again so led!

Sarge! A Good Life! An Officer and A Gentleman
first . . .

Even though he had but so lived through but
the very . . . very worst . . .

As still, another great war had lie ahead . . .
as he had come home to discrimination's
curse!

But, he never gave up or in . . .
Because, in his Country Tis A Thee . . . as he
so believed in, to be counted on this
man . . .

All in his life conceived, all in the way his
family had brought him up so indeed
. . . as he stood tall time and again!

Showing his Nation, as in his life so lies The
Truth . . .

That Black Is Beautiful, and all in his courage
and character so dutiful . . . as lies
the proof

A shining example of faith and how, showing
us all the way so now . . . as King
George's life, makes hearts race . . .
it's a beaut!

For In Our Darkest Hours!

Only with Our Faith . . . Courage . . . Kindness . . .
and Our Character . . . can
we so overpower, the darkness which
around us towers!

And To Rise Above, All In Our Courage and
in Our Love . . . We Will All Reach Our
Finest Hour!

But, our moments herein time . . . are but
the shortest of all to find . . .

For when it's all said and done, will we be
the ones . . . as Sarge, who now up in
Heaven have Someone To Look Up To?

So mount up now . . . For you King George,
are but an Angel In The Army of Our
Lord so fine!

As Someone Above To Watch Over Us, And
To Look Up To in our lives!

TRIBUTE TO ALLAN S. COHEN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Allan S. Cohen on his thirty-seven years of outstanding service to our nation.

Mr. Cohen, who is retiring on June 30, 2008, has served as a senior Human Resources Specialist with the Department of Defense. His dedication and contributions have left a legacy for all federal civil servants.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate Mr. Cohen and to extend our country's gratitude to him for his honorable and productive service.

150 YEARS OF SPIRITUAL
LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 150th Anniversary of an extraordinarily important religious congregation in the City of Newton, which I am proud to represent in this body, and where I have lived for 28 years. Congregation Mishkan Tefila has been an important part of the City of Newton since 1957. Temple Mishkan Tefila has of course been primarily a place of worship for large numbers of Jewish men, women and young people, and through a series of outstanding rabbis and other leaders, it has performed that essential function superbly. It has also been a forum for community leadership in a number of other ways. Its doors have always been open to the community, both its own members and the community at large, and I have personally benefited from that openness on a number of occasions by being able to participate in forums that the temple has run, which have helped me and others fulfill our duties to relate to our constituents.

Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to be able to salute the members of the Mishkan Tefila Congregation on this 150th Anniversary,

and congratulate them on their opportunity both to look back on a very proud history, and to look forward to the promise of continued great service in the years ahead.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE 63RD AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NA-
TIONS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today, along with Chairman DELAHUNT of the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight, I am introducing legislation to commemorate the 63rd anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Since its founding, the United Nations has made many contributions to the global community in the fields of health, education, peace-keeping and humanitarian aid.

For 63 years the United Nations has provided a forum for the achievement of international cooperation in solving the world's most pressing economic, social and humanitarian problems including climate change, trafficking in humans, combating global terrorism, and responding quickly to disasters such as the tsunami in South East Asia in 2004.

The United Nations has visionary new leadership that should also be commended. Under Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, the United Nations launched a multi-year campaign to improve awareness amongst global policy-makers at the highest levels regarding issues relating to violence against women.

Joining us are Representatives JIM McDERMOTT, MAURICE HINCHEY, SAM FARR, MADELEINE BORDALLO, DONNA CHRISTENSEN, JOSÉ SERRANO, JIM MCGOVERN, DENNIS KUCINICH, CHAKA FATTAH, ROBERT BRADY, BETTY MCCOLLUM, JAMES P. MORAN, EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, RAÚL GRIJALVA, and BARBARA LEE.

I look forward to working with Chairman DELAHUNT and my other colleagues to pledge the support of Congress to the United Nations as the organization moves forward and to commend the United Nations for sixty-three years of good work.

HONORING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF
JEANETTE IRENE HUTCHISON

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeanette Irene Lalime-Sellner-Hutchison, who is celebrating her 80th birthday today. As an indispensable member of my staff, Jeanette has served as my Constituent Service Director for almost six years, assisting 11th District residents with problems ranging from Social Security and veterans' benefits to passports and immigration issues.

But Madam Speaker, Jeanette has always had a passion for helping others. Born in Appleton, Wisconsin, Jeanette moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota as a young girl, where

she grew up and eventually met her first husband, Mr. Thomas Sellner. Married for 28 years, Jeanette and Tom had six wonderful children.

Along with raising her four sons and two daughters, Jeanette served as a foster mother for many years, taking in and caring for children in need of a loving family. After the passing of her first husband, Jeanette eventually met and wed Mr. Marion Hutchison, and together they moved to Iowa, where she began her Congressional career as a staff member for Congressman Cooper Evans, and then for Senator CHARLES GRASSLEY.

Now a resident of Marietta, Georgia, Jeanette has served various Congressional offices for 25 years, acting as the constituent service director for the legendary Georgia Senator Paul Coverdell and Congressman Bob Barr before joining my staff in 2003.

Madam Speaker, Jeanette Hutchison has led a very inspiring and rewarding life. Over the years she has made and kept many friends, and I ask that you join with them, with me, and with her family in honoring Mrs. Jeanette Irene Hutchison, as she celebrates her 80th birthday. I thank her for a quarter century of service to our country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, on the morning of June 20, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and unable to be in the chamber for three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 434, on approving the journal; "yea" on rollcall No. 435, on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1276; and "yea" on rollcall No. 436, on agreeing to H. Res. 436.

Additionally, because of inclement weather on the evening of June 23, 2008, my flight was delayed, and I consequently missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 438, passage of H. Res. 1242; and "yea" on rollcall 439, passage of H. Con. Res. 372.

FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT OF 2008—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-125)

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of overriding the President's veto of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act, otherwise known as the Farm Bill. I am pleased to say that, with this vote, we have finally put this legislation behind us.

While I regret the problems that occurred with the formal parchment and the missing Trade Title of the Farm Bill, the time between consideration of the first veto override vote and this one allowed many Members of Con-

gress time to read the floor statements of many of our distinguished colleagues and understand better this large, complex and important piece of legislation. I am particularly grateful that the distinguished Members from California, Mr. BACA and Mr. BERMAN, clarified several particularly important provisions in the Nutrition Title of the bill. I would like to fully associate myself with their remarks. Following those Members' lead, I will not waste my colleagues' time by restating points they previously made on this legislation.

I want to emphasize, however, that if ever there was any doubt about Congress's continued support for the availability of judicial recourse for violations of food assistance statutes and regulations, this legislation makes that support unmistakably clear. The Food Stamp Act long has explicitly recognized the right of prospective applicants, actual applicants, and recipients to go to court to secure compliance with the statute and regulations. No court needs to guess about the view of Congress on this matter.

This new legislation reiterates that Congress will regulate how such litigation takes place. But there can be no question that litigation should, in fact, be permitted to occur if necessary. Such suits historically have not been required to pass any special hurdles of procedure or proof; all that matters is whether the statute, regulations, or state plan has been violated. If such a violation has occurred, the courts can pursue correction in the most efficacious manner, provided that we have limited the availability of retroactive benefits to one year before the problem was or should have been discovered. Rules developed under statutes where congressional intent is unclear have no place under food assistance legislation where we have left no room for doubt about our intentions.

As my colleagues from California made clear, the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act properly rejects two recent cases where courts, no doubt with the best of intentions, strayed from this long-time principle in the Food Stamp Program. This legislation clarifies that states are accountable for the results they achieve, namely a well-run food assistance program, and may be held judicially accountable for that. I trust this will eliminate any doubts other courts might have this score.

As Members are aware, the Farm Bill conferees did not accept a House provision that would have shut down all efforts to expand private contractors' role in administering the Food Stamp Program. Serious concerns have been raised about initiatives in a couple of states. Part of the reasoning was that the statute already contains requirements that state civil servants make all decisions relating to a household's participation in the program. As of yet, the policies of those states have not been tested in court. Without in any way seeking to prejudge what the results of such litigation might be, a judicial ruling on how these practices measure up against existing law would be of great help to us in determining whether that law needs to be modified, whether in the manner the House suggested or otherwise. As I understand there is considerable dissatisfaction with these programs, and I hope that the steps we are taking to clarify households' right to challenge the administration of the program in court will allow those concerns to be raised and addressed without further delay.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I submit the following for the RECORD:

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RTD&E, Army, Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Mack Trucks, Inc., Volvo Powertrain North America.

Address of Requesting Facility: 13302 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

Description of Request: The requested fund will be used to build, test, and evaluate up to five heavy tactical trucks with hybrid electric power trains. The program's goal is to provide the military with a more fuel efficient, cleaner, and easily maintained heavy truck power train. A secondary goal is to provide a truck engine that can provide the same electricity source as a traditional diesel generator.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RTD&E, Air Force, Multiple UAS cooperative concentrated observation and engagement systems against a common ground objective.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Proxy Aviation Systems.

Address of Requesting Facility: 12850 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, MD 20874.

Description of Request: The proposed program will provide the U.S. military with an advanced ISR capability to find and identify terrorist activity more rapidly and with a greater level of accuracy. The system will result in a lower cost of procurement and life cycle cost due to reduced manpower.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: O & M, Navy, Operating Forces, Weapons Support, Weapons Maintenance.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Otomelara North America, Inc.

Address of Requesting Facility: 1625 I Street North West, Washington, DC 20006.

Description of Request: Increasing O&M funding for the Mk75 weapon will boost performance of the post-groomed guns, reducing out-of-service down time, and raising overall reliability for the Navy. The FFG-7's Mk75 76mm gun possesses adequate range for effective engagement, but critical funding shortfalls in maintenance assessment/grooming and parts support have kept the guns from operating with the requisite readiness to be as effective as possible against the surface.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROSCOE G. BARTLETT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army, Warfighter Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Facility: Engineering Systems Solutions.

Address of Requesting Facility: 5726 Industry Lane, Frederick, MD 21704.

Description of Request: This project expedites the repair of urgently needed battlefield equipment, thereby increasing the mission capable level of aircraft and vehicle units. This